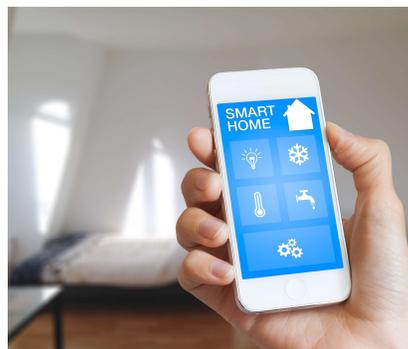


# LOW-INCOME ENERGY POLICY BOARD

*“Reducing the number of households with unsustainable energy burdens”*



Anne Armstrong &  
Andrew McNeally

Co-leaders

May 22, 2023



# Welcome and Agenda



# Meeting Reminders



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# Roll Call of Members with Lived Experience & Stakeholder Members

- ❑ Marie Touré– Board Member with Lived Experience
- ❑ Synia Gant-Jordan – Board Member with Lived Experience
- ❑ Rick Bunch - 5 Lakes Energy; Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues (MI-MAUI)
- ❑ Alexis Blizman - Ecology Center
- ❑ Briana DuBose- EcoWorks Detroit
- ❑ Hassan Hammoud – Michigan Assoc. of United Ways and 2-1-1
- ❑ Martin Kushler – ACEEE (American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy)
- ❑ Patrick Leahy - SEMCO Energy Gas Company
- ❑ Kasey M. Grieco - Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP)
- ❑ Briana Parker – Elevate Energy
- ❑ Wende Randall - Kent County Essential Needs Task Force (ENTF)



# Roll Call of Policy and Staff Experts

- ❑ Cory Connolly – Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (EGLE)
- ❑ Nicole Denson-Sogbaka – Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
- ❑ Rachael A. Eubanks – Dept. of Treasury
- ❑ Jeff Guilfoyle – Dept. of Treasury
- ❑ Kelly Rose – Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)
- ❑ Ninah Sasy – Dept. of Health & Human Services - Social Determinants of Health Strategy (DHHS)
- ❑ Kris Schoenow – Dept. of Health & Human Services – Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity (DHHS-BCAEO)
- ❑ Derrell Slaughter – National Resource Defense Council; Governor’s Council on Climate Solutions (NRDC)

## MPSC Staff Experts

- ❑ Elaina Braunschweig - Analyst, Regulated Energy Division
- ❑ Jamie Curtis - Grant Administrator, Michigan Energy Assistance Program
- ❑ Christina Forist – Manager, Compliance & Investigation Section
- ❑ Reka Holley - Voelker – Manager, Communications Section
- ❑ Shatina Jones – MPSC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer
- ❑ Amy Rittenhouse - Communications Coordinator
- ❑ Jake Thelen - Departmental Specialist, Compliance & Investigation Section
- ❑ Mary Wilkins - Departmental Specialist, Customer Assistance Division

# Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2023

Place in the chat:

- Board member name, vote
  - Approve
  - Do Not Approve
  - Abstain



# Low-Income Energy Policy Board Purpose



## □ Purpose

- To guide the process of assessing energy affordability and accessibility holistically, especially through linking energy waste reduction services and energy assistance programs.

## □ Overarching Goal

- Reduce the number of households with unsustainable energy burdens

## □ Policy Pillars

- Customer Centered Engagement & Coordination
- Affordability & Customer Protections
- Low-Income Energy Waste Reduction

# Progress Meter

# Planning Process Leading to Action



# Moving Forward

# Board Values

- We value affordability and inclusion in policy actions that create measurable impact.
- We achieve positive outcomes that impact home energy security, health, housing, and a healthy climate.
- We build solutions through collaboration and diversity of representation, input, experience, and knowledge.
- We act with respect, transparency, and integrity.

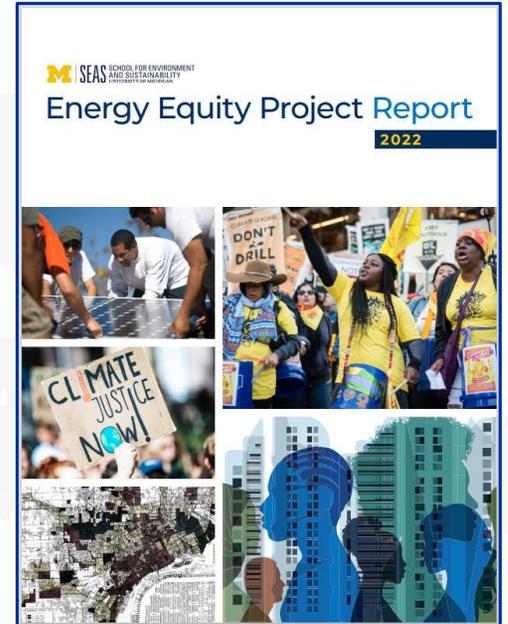
# Energy Equity Framework Presentation



**Justin Schott**  
Project Director  
Energy Equity Project  
University of Michigan  
School for Environment And Sustainability



**Rahul Agrawal Bejarano**  
Lead Data Scientist  
Energy Equity Project  
University of Michigan  
School for Environment And Sustainability



# Energy and Social Determinants of Health

## Ninah Sasy

Policy and Planning Director

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services



## Jerin Philip

Team Lead: Chronic Disease Policy & Program Evaluation

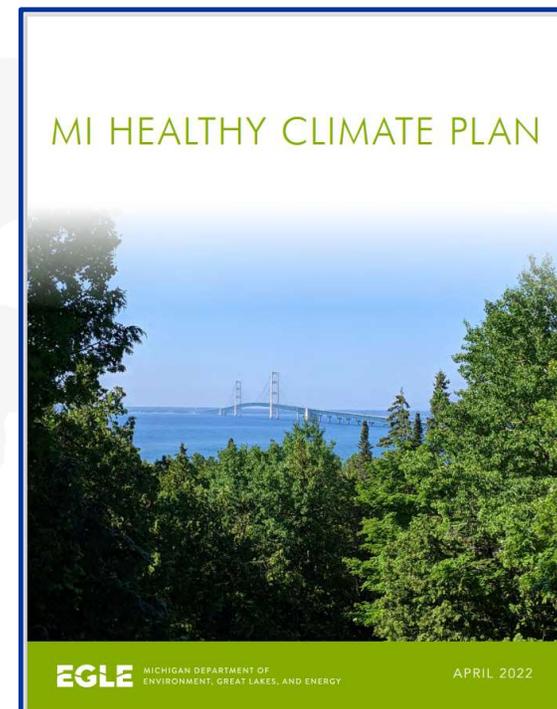
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services



# MI Healthy Climate Plan



Cory Connolly  
Climate and Energy Advisor  
Office of Climate and Energy (OCE)  
MI Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)



# Creating Synergy

- ❑ Points of Intersection
  - What are examples of how do these show up in your specific work?
- ❑ Shared Priorities and Goals
  - How do presentations intersect with Board goals?
- ❑ What does more active collaboration look like?

# Board Values – Break Down

## ▣ Actions

- Create measurable impact
- We achieve positive outcomes
- We build solutions

## ▣ To what end

- Affordability
- Inclusion
- Home energy security
- Health
- Housing
- Healthy climate

## ▣ How

- Policy actions
- Collaboration
- Diversity of representation, input, experience, & knowledge
- Respect
- Transparency
- Integrity

# Next Steps

1

**Respond to the survey with your ideas**

2

**June 26**

- Board Meeting
- 10:00 AM
- Energy Reliability & Equity Panel Discussion

3

**July 24**

- Board Meeting
- 10:00 AM
- Energy Equity Gap Metric (joint mtg. with EWR-LI Workgroup)

4

**August 28**

- Board Meeting
- 10:00 AM
- Housing and energy efficiency (joint mtg. with EWR-LI Workgroup)

# Announcement – U-20757 Comment Period

- ❑ Comments shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on June 15, 2023.
- ❑ Reply comments shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on June 29, 2023.

# Announcements

- ❑ Next EWR – Low-Income Workgroup Meeting
  - June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- ❑ May Subcommittee Meetings
  - Health & Safety – June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM
  - Workforce Development – June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM
  - AAA - May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00 PM
  - DARR – June 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 -3:00 PM
  - Definitions – June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:30 PM
- ❑ Mid-America Regulatory Conference – August 6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>
  - Grand Rapids, MI
- ❑ Voting Item: Board Minutes poll result

# Public Comment



# Appendices

# Recap of Presentation – Energy Equity

- ❑ How should we think about energy equity?
  - Recognition and distributional equity work together
    - ❑ What are the benefits and who gets what share of them?
  - Procedural and process considerations
    - ❑ Identifying marginalized communities and prioritizing benefits should be guided by those on the frontlines
  - Restorative
    - ❑ Most critical to prevent continuing harms and shift the structures and systems that enabled them in the first place
- ❑ Examples of putting concepts into practice
  - Achieving the [Justice40 standard](#)
  - Reducing energy burdens to achieve universal affordability
- ❑ Energy equity as a mindset and a daily practice

# Recap of Social Determinants of Health

- ❑ Social Determinants of Health are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age that shape health.
  
- ❑ “Energy is essential to meeting our basic needs: cooking, boiling water, lighting, and heating. It is also a prerequisite for good health.”
  - Chronic energy insecurity: a long-term issue that can arise from a consistent inability to afford or access adequate energy to meet household needs.
  - Acute energy insecurity: a short-term issue that tends to arise from infrastructural, maintenance, environmental, or other external sources that disrupt access to energy sources
  - Impacts on health

# Connecting Our Work - SDoH

- ❑ Improvement
  - Mechanisms to receive feedback from your clients
  - How can we leverage feedback from advocacy groups or the most vulnerable populations?
- ❑ Alignment - Collecting and sharing data to better inform policy and resource decisions.
  - Demographic information including age, race/ ethnicity, existing chronic conditions
  - What information regarding health and social care information would be helpful to you?
- ❑ Innovation
  - What's one barrier that we can address across all sectors?
  - How can we leverage the SDoH Accelerator Plan?

# Recap of Presentation – MI Healthy Climate Plan

- ❑ Commitments: Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050
  - Ensure at least 40% of the benefits of climate-related funds go to disadvantaged communities – Justice40
  - Affordable energy from reliably, clean-sourced energy
  - Healthy, sustainable, efficient homes for all families
  - Environmental justice analysis of state departments
- ❑ Opportunities in the Roadmap to 2030
  - Improved health outcomes in communities near coal facilities and analysis of health outcomes in IRPs.
  - Lowering costs & creating jobs – equitable/accessible jobs to EJ communities
  - Addressing environmental injustices and supporting a just transition
    - ❑ Lowering energy burdens (6% of income), access & training for clean energy jobs
  - Home repair/EWR/Weatherization critical: 1.9 M homes need to be retrofitted – at least 226,000 low-income family homes